Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 8. Specifically, FIG. 8 has been modified to have a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch).

Remarks:

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for making time available for a teleconference on 5/5/05. Per that conversation, Examiner agreed Applicants that the cited art, either individually or in combination, does not include the element of *redaction* as recited in the current invention. Applicants have accepted Examiner's recommendations and have amended the claims accordingly.

Drawings

The drawing of FIG. 8 is objected to because the top margin of FIG. 8 does not have a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch). Applicants have so amended FIG.8.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 7 and 13-15 are objected to because there is no line indentation to separate the elements of the claim. Applicants have so indented the separate the elements of claims 1, 7 and 13-15.

Claim 7 is objected to because at lines 3 and 4 of claim 7, a comma was used between two distinct steps, and should be replaced by a semicolon. Applicants have so modified claim 7.

Claim 13 is objected to because a comma and a semicolon were used between two distinct steps and should be deleted, that two semicolons were used between two distinct steps wherein one should be deleted, and that and the terms privilege access criteria, access criteria and user privilege access criteria are interchangeable and thus should be replaced by a single term. Applicants have so modified claim 13.

Claim 14 is objected to because the terms privilege access criteria, access criteria and user privilege access criteria are interchangeable and thus should be replaced by a single term. Applicants have so modified claim 14.

Claims 7 and 13-15 are objected to because cache should be used instead of memory to have a consistency of terminology. Applicants have so modified claims 7 and 13-15.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 13 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by modifying claims 13 and 15 in order to clarify the invention and point out features that are not taught or suggested by the references.

Regarding claim 13, the clause including identifying separate groups of information to which the user may have access criteria for access to the groups of data references is unclear. Applicants have removed the clause.

Regarding claim 15, from line 8 to line 10, the clause including identifying separate groups of information to which the user may have access criteria for access to the groups of data is unclear. Applicants have removed the clause.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claim 1, 2, 6 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent. No. 5,317,729 (Mukherjee et al.) in view of U.S. Patent. No. 5,689,638 (Sadovsky) for various reasons.

Mukherjee describes a method for the storage of multi-versioned data with retrieval based on searched query. Sadovsky describes a method for providing access to independent network resources by establishing connection using an application programming interface function call without prompting the user for authentication data.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by amending a portion of the remaining claims per Examiner's suggestions during the telephonic interview, as noted above, in order to clarify the invention and point out features that are not taught or suggested by the references, either alone or in combination.

Amended independent claim 1 is indicative and recites at least one element not found in Mukherjee. That is, transmitting a redacted object to the user, wherein the redacted object is a redacted document that contains the groups of information to which the user has access to and confidential text that is blocked out. (Page 3, Lines 12-19).

Claims 2 and 6 which directly or indirectly depend on claim 1 should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. Claim 16 has been canceled.

Applicants therefore request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §103 rejections. No new subject matter has been added.

Claim 7 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent. No. 5.317.729 (Mukherjee et al.) in view of U.S. Patent. No. 5,689,638 (Sadovsky) and WO 951142661 (Hayes et al.) for various reasons.

Mukherjee describes a method for the storage of multi-versioned data with retrieval based on searched query. Sadovsky describes a method for providing access to independent network resources by establishing connection using an application programming interface function call without prompting the user for authentication data. Hayes describes a method and system for maintaining access security of input and output operations in a computer system.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by amending a portion of the remaining claims per Examiner's suggestions during the telephonic interview, as noted above, in order to clarify the invention and point out features that are not taught or suggested by the references, either alone or in combination.

Amended independent claim 7 is indicative and recites at least one element not found in Mukherjee. That is, transmitting a redacted object to the user, wherein the redacted object is a redacted document that contains the groups of information to which the user has access to and confidential text that is blocked out. (Page 3, Lines 12-19).

Applicants submit that claim 7 should now be allowable over the cited reference. In addition, claim 13 is a means plus function claim having substantially the same limitations as claim 7, and is therefore patentable over the cited art for at least the same reasons stated in claim 7. Claims 13-14 are means-plus-function claims having substantially the same limitations as claim 7, and are therefore patentable over the cited art for at least the same reasons stated in claim 7. Claim 15 is a method claim having substantially the same limitations as claim 7, and is therefore patentable over the cited art for at least the same reasons stated in claim 7. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §103 rejections. No new subject matter has been added.

Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent. No. 5,317,729 (Mukherjee et al.) in view of U.S. Patent. No. 5,689,638 (Sadovsky), as applied to claim 2, and further in view of U.S. Patent. No. 5,434,791 (Koko et al.), for various reasons.

Mukherjee describes a method for the storage of multi-versioned data with retrieval based on searched query. Sadovsky describes a method for providing access to independent network resources by establishing connection using an application programming interface function call without prompting the user for authentication data. Koko describes a product structure management.

For reasons previously stated, Applicants submit that claim 1 should be allowable over the cited reference. In addition, claims 3 -5 which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 should also be patentable over the cited art for at least the same reasons stated in claim 1.

Applicants therefore request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §103 rejections.

No new subject matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicant has amended the claims to further clarify features that are not described or suggested by the references. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims. In view of the discussion herein, Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

A two month extension of time is hereby requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2421.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please contact the undersigned at 408-288-7588.

Sincerely,

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